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**Amendments to the specification:**

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

The A method and arrangement are provided for motion estimation in a digitized picture having pixels, the pixels are being grouped into picture blocks. The pixels ~~are~~ can be grouped into at least a first picture area and a second picture area. First motion estimation is carried out in a first search area in order to determine a first motion vector. Furthermore, second motion estimation is carried out in a second search area in order to determine a second motion vector. The first search area and the second search area are of different sizes.

~~Significant Figures 1a-1e~~